

EXHIBIT A

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

PAUL DUFFY,
Plaintiff,
-vs-
PAUL GODFREAD, ALAN COOPER and
JOHN DOES 1-10,
Defendants.
Case No. 13 C 1569
Chicago, Illinois
June 25, 2013
9:30 o'clock a.m.

TRANSCRIPT OF PROCEEDINGS
BEFORE THE HONORABLE JOHN W. DARRAH

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1 (Proceedings had in open court:)

2 THE CLERK: 13 C 1569, Duffy versus Godfread.

3 MR. DUFFY: Paul Duffy for the plaintiff.

4 THE COURT: Mr. Duffy.

5 MS. RUSSELL: Good morning again, your Honor. Erin
6 Russell for defendants Godfread and Cooper.

7 THE COURT: Good morning, Ms. Russell.

8 This matter comes on this morning for presentation
9 by the defendant, by you, Ms. Russell, to reassign a related
10 case to this courtroom. There is pending cross-motions for
11 summary judgment, which are in the course of -- right now are
12 being briefed and I intend to rule by August 14th.

13 MS. RUSSELL: I believe last week, your Honor --
14 and I apologize. I came to the courtroom late last week and
15 Mr. Duffy had already left for the presentment of this
motion.

16 These are identical lawsuits with identical
complaints and identical exhibits were filed. The
allegations being made are identical, against all the same
people.

17 We just ask that rather than have Mr. Duffy's suit
here in your courtroom and have Judge Kennelly working on the
identical lawsuit on behalf of Mr. Duffy's law firm, of which
he's the sole principal, it doesn't make any sense --

18 THE COURT: Are you representing any of the parties

1 before Judge Kennelly?

2 MS. RUSSELL: Yes. They're all the same people.

3 THE COURT: I see. And I have the older case?

4 MS. RUSSELL: You do.

5 THE COURT: Any objection to the reassignment --

6 MR. DUFFY: Yes, I have objections. These cases
7 are not identical. They --

8 THE COURT: Counsel, I'm going to let you file a
9 response.

10 MR. DUFFY: May I have --

11 THE COURT: I'm very familiar now with these
12 issues. You can file a response. I caution you, though,
13 that your response must comply with Rule 11's requirements.

14 If you're representing to me that there is a
15 material difference between this case and the case pending
16 before Judge Kennelly, I'll let you put that in writing. How
17 much time do you need to do that?

18 MR. DUFFY: May I have seven days?

19 THE COURT: Seven days it is.

20 How much time to reply?

21 MS. RUSSELL: Five?

22 THE COURT: Okay.

23 THE CLERK: Response July 2nd, reply July 8th.

24 THE COURT: And a short ruling date, Mel.

25 THE CLERK: July 23rd at 9:30.

1 THE COURT: Okay.

2 MS. RUSSELL: Thank you, your Honor.

3 MR. DUFFY: Thank you, your Honor.

4 THE COURT: You're welcome.

5 (Which were all the proceedings heard.)

6 CERTIFICATE

7 I certify that the foregoing is a correct transcript
8 from the record of proceedings in the above-entitled matter.

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10 /s/ *Mary M. Hacker*

August 20, 2013

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